Magazine Department

Interesting Features for Home Reading

The SANDMAN STORY

A BARNYARD MEETING

THE Turkeys in the barnyard called all the other fowl one morning to a meeting they were to hold behind the barn.

"We are called together," said Mr. Gobbler, "to discuss a serious situation—namely, that of getting rid of Mr. Fox.

"He has bothered all of us lately very much, but my family in particular have suffered great loss, and now I want to talk over a plan for getting rid of him and I shall be glad of your help in the matter."

"I second the motion," quacked Mr.

Drake, "and I suggest that we tar and feather him."

"Oh! I think that far too good for him," said Mr. Gander. "I propose that we catch him and pull off his fur, one hair at a time, and then turn him loose. He will be sure to freeze, and that, I am sure, will be a punishment he would not choose."

"Let us try to think of some way not so distasteful to refined minds," said Mr. Rooster. "I want him punished as much as any of you, but can it not be done with more dignity?

"What do you all say if we catch him and duck him in the pond, then pull him out by the tail and drag him around the barnyard for all to see. I am sure he will be quite upset by being brought so low and will never come around here again."

"Siss!" hissed Mr. Gander. "A dignified punishment, indeed. But what will he be doing all this time, may I ask you, Mr. Rooster?

"Mr. Fox will jump up and eat you or whoever is dragging him about. No, I think the only thing to do is catch him and shut him up in a cage, feed him on stones—nothing but stones—and nothing to drink until he cannot hold out any more, and then let him go to the pond for a drink of water and push him in. That will be the end of him, as you all can see, for he will sink at once."

"I wish you would let some of us talk a minute," said old Madam Duck. "I think we should catch him and tie his legs. That would be the best plan. Then we who have suffered most from his visits here can poke him with a brier until he begs for mercy."

"Mercy! Would you be merciful to that wretch?" screamed Madam Turkey, who had lost nearly all her family.

"No; I would not. But I should like him to beg for it, just the same," said Madam Duck.

"The plans are all very good—very good, indeed," said Mr. Gobbler. "There remains only one thing to do, and that is to choose which one it shall be."

"Yes, there is another question which you have not seemed to think of, Mr. Gobbler," said little Brown Hen, who had listened quietly all the time, "and that is, Who is to catch Mr. Fox and how will it be done?"

Everyone stood quite still, and then they all suddenly remembered that it was time to eat, and off they all ran to the barnyard as fast as they could go.

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Peanut Pietro

SEEMA like everybody desa country gonna bugahouse bouta basaball game. You know I go veesit dat game little while ago and ees too moocha meex up for understanda ver good. I dunna for sure, but I tink eef anybody go craze over dat game hees mudda gotta foolish keed for starta weeth.

But plenta people aska me wot's matter I no learna how dat game ees play. Some frien come taka me one more game other day and he say he gonna explaina everyting.

When one guy whosa play weeth other town come up weeth greata beega stick my frien say he gonna try knocka ball backa home. But he missa everyting so mooch I getta idee he no leeve ver far. For way he sweenga da club I tink he hava hard time heet hees mouth weeth a spoon when eata soup.

I dunno, but seema like everyting ees talka backward een dat game. One guy knocka ball over da fence and my frien say he maka home run. But he jusa run een da rink like no can finda hees place. And when he come back he seet down and no go home at all.

One other guy run like devil and fall down and my frien say he steala base. I say dat feller run too fast for steala somating. I sure like square deal, so I tella my frien I betta seexa bits eef searcha dat guy he no gotta somating wot no belonga weeth heem.

Preety soon I getta mad and go home too moocha foola da publeec. One feller I know seence was leetle cuss smasha da ball, and everybody say was gooda seengle. And for five, seexa years I know dat ees married weeth beega family. I gotta deesgust weeth idee man can be seengle and hava half dozen keeds sama time.

Wot you tink?

What the Sphinx Says.

By NEWTON NEWKIRK.

"If you want a thing done to suit you please have the goodness to explain it in detail to a subordinate—then do it yourself."

SLOW

Jack's been calling on me for six months. Don't you think it's time he proposed?

Oh, no; it was nearly a year before he proposed to me.

The Japanese are not great meat eaters.

Louise Du Pre

Successfully serving as an understudy to Mary Pickford, Louise Du Pre has entered stardom in the "movie" world. Miss Du Pre is a little Southern girl from Atlanta, Ga. Her real name is Lottie Lou Eady, and on her mother's side she is a descendant from the Du Pre family, pioneers of that state. She is recognized as the first understudy to a screen star in the history of motion pictures.

BEAUTY CHATS

by Edna Kent Forbes

MEAL BATHS

"WILL you kindly print directions for bran or oatmeal baths, or other baths for improving the texture of the skin?" writes a correspondent. In the same mail came a request for baths to help a rheumatic old lady.

So, since our space is brief, I think I will make a list of the various

Oatmeal Baths Are Good for the Skin; They Make It Soft and White.

beauty and medicinal baths, with short directions for taking each kind.

There is, first, the oatmeal bath—essentially a bath for beauty. It whitens the skin, makes it wonderfully soft, and acts as a mild bleach. Take about four cupfuls of uncooked oatmeal, put in a muslin bag, and put the bag in the bath water, if possible letting the water from the faucets run over the bag. Squeeze it before getting into the bath, so the water becomes milky looking. One bagful can be used four or five times.

Bran baths are taken the same way, except that bran is used in place of the oatmeal. Many women use smaller bags of oatmeal or bran, in place of the wash cloth, rubbing the meal bag over the skin.

The best bath for rheumatism is an Epsom salt bath. This requires about half a pound of the salts dissolved in the bathtub; the patient lies flat in the tub, with just enough water to cover the body, and soaks there till the heat has left the water.

Sulphur baths are beneficial to the health also, and are beautifiers as well. Many a sanitarium has made its reputation upon them—and they may be taken at home, if one has the time and patience. In the simplest form, they consist of dissolving flowers of sulphur in the hot bath water, and adding some bicarbonate of soda, such as you use in making up sour milk biscuits. Sanitariums usually add a few more such ingredients and mix with mud, applying this medicated mud to the skin.

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Light Stuff.

"Did that 'quake' we had this morning do any damage?" asked the movie producer in California.

"Not much," said the property man. "It toppled over a couple of pyramids we are using in that Egyptian film, but I put four carpenters to work, and they'll have 'em up this afternoon."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Birds of Another Color.

When poets indulge in flights of fancy they have the courage of their pinions.—Cartoons Magazine.

Off Again, On Again

STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN

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Philosopher.

"I have here a great invention," said Bagley, at the club.

"Yes?"

"You notice I have the switch-key of my car and my latch-key tied together?"

"Surely."

"Well, you see when I'm down town in the car and I get ready to start home and can't find my switch-key, I say to myself: 'I should worry! Why should I want to go home anyway, when I can't get in the house?' And so I just stay down town."

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FINNIGIN FILOSOFY.

Advice is usually given t' th' yoong, be some owld coot that th' same advice was give to whin he was a bye, an' that he has carefully saved be niver usin' ut "msilf.

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Old Mottoes Remedied While You Wait.

Spartacus—I see the waistline has moved again.

Smarticus—Sure! The motto of the fashion-setters is: "Hew to the style, let the hips fall where they may."

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In Merrie New England.

Young Man—Fine morning.

Old Man—(Silence).

Y. M.—I say it's a fine morning.

O. M.—(Ditto).

Y. M.—I say, sir, it's a fine morning!

O. M.—Well, be ye wantin' t' git into a argument about it?

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Maybe So, Maybe So.

"What causes the breaking of a man's powers?"

"The bending of his energies."

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INTELLIGENT SCHEME

Guest—Landlord, this handbasin o' mine won't drain at all!

Landlord—Put the plug in. The plug leaks.

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They Sure Ought.

The other day we saw a sign that some fat young travelers we have met ought to carry on themselves. It was put up by a tourist association, and it said:

Special Attention Given To Ladies Traveling Alone.

IT WILL

The Coffee Cup: This lack of sugar is going to hurt my popularity.

The lace trade affords employment to 200,000 persons in France.

TOBACCO GROWN IN ANY SECTION

Commercial Value of Product Influenced Greatly by Soil and Climatic Conditions.

OVERPRODUCTION IS MENACE

Certain Methods for Production of Various Types Are Recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The tobacco plant may be grown successfully in all latitudes from southern Canada to the tropics and on a great variety of soils, but the commercial value of the product is influenced to a greater degree by the particular soil and climatic conditions under which the plant is grown than is almost any other important crop. These facts are so well recognized that the tobacco industry has become highly specialized, and the trade regularly looks to certain well-defined areas of production for its supply of the various classes and types of leaf required. In these tobacco-producing districts the necessary facilities for marketing are available, and prevailing prices of the cured leaf are governed largely by the relative supply and demand and by the quality of the leaf produced.

Increased Production.

Each important district produces a tobacco of certain well-known characteristics which make it desirable for special purposes of manufacture or export. Moreover, in practically all of these districts the production can be readily increased to meet any increased demand at profitable prices. For these reasons efforts to introduce the commercial growing of tobacco in sections outside of the established producing centers are likely to result in failure, either because the leaf produced is not quite right in type or satisfactory marketing facilities are not available. Furthermore, any development of the industry in a new section on a large scale, which would be essential for economical marketing, would most likely lead to overproduction and, as a consequence, unprofitable prices. As a matter of fact, overproduction is a constant menace in all of the established centers of tobacco growing.

Growing and Handling.

The methods of growing and handling the crop must be varied according to the type of leaf which it is desired to produce, for the kind of tobacco is influenced very greatly by the methods of growing and handling which are employed. Certain methods

Harvesting Tobacco by Cutting the Stalk, Showing the Method of Spearing the Plant on the Stick.

for the production of the various types are recommended by the United States department of agriculture. Though possibly susceptible of improvement in some of the details, they are the best available in view of the present knowledge and experience of investigators and the more successful growers. These recommendations are contained in Farmers' Bulletin 571, "Tobacco Culture," copies of which can be had by addressing a request to the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

SLIDING DOOR ON CONCRETE

Iowa Farmer Solves Problem by Using Channel in Groove, Anchored With Rods.

When a sliding door is used at the entrance of a barn or machine shed a groove between the floor and the approach is often used as a guide for the door. But when concrete is used this construction is not satisfactory, as the edges are chipped off by the wheels of wagons and other machinery with steel tires.

An Iowa farmer has solved this problem in a very simple and satisfactory manner. He placed a three-inch, four-pound channel iron in the groove. Holes were drilled through the sides at intervals of two feet and rods placed through them to serve as anchors.

The iron protects the concrete and forms a smooth guide for the door.

MARKET FOR PUREBRED SIRES

One Method Is to Inaugurate a Campaign for High-Class Bulls in Place of Scrubs.

There are two ways of helping the market for purebred bulls. One method is to put on purebred sire campaigns, which will help to put purebred bulls in place of scrub bulls throughout the country, and the other method is to castrate the poorer individuals and place only the better class of bulls on the market. Both methods can be used to good advantage by the purebred men, and both methods will help the live stock production of the country.

LOOKOUT FOR SLACKER HENS

Unprofitable Fowls Should Be Put on Market—Keep Egg Producer for Breeding.

Be on the lookout now for the "slacker" hens and put them on the market. Band the good producer and use her for next season for producing eggs from which to hatch your next flock. Get some high scoring cockerels for next spring to mate with them.

WHEAT HARVESTED IN ALL PARTS OF WORLD

Work in United States Begins Late in Month of May.

According to Department of Agriculture 35 Per Cent of Crop Is Gathered in July, 25 in August and 15 in June.

Under the conditions prevailing before the World war, 35 per cent of the world's wheat crop was harvested in July, 25 per cent in August, 15 per cent in June, 7 per cent in April, 5 per cent in January, 4 per cent in May, 3 per cent each in March and December, 2 per cent in September, 1 per cent in February, and much less than 1 per cent each in October and November. The wheat harvest of the world may be regarded as beginning in December in South America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, continuing through January and substantially ending in February. India then begins and increases in activity through March and April. In April harvesting operations begin in such countries as Persia, Asia Minor, and Mexico. In May activity is lessened, for then the Indian harvest has been about completed, and the harvest season is crossing the Mediterranean from north Africa to southern Europe, where harvests do not become general until June. Late in May the harvest of the United States begins. In June, July and August about 75 per cent of the world's crop is harvested, the season progressing steadily northward during these months. By September harvest operations are nearly completed, Scotland, northern Russia and Siberia, the United States and Canada having a little left over from August. Very little harvesting of wheat is done in October and November.

Stacking Wheat in Oregon.

WHEN COWS FRESHEN IN FALL

Not Only Insures Greater Production, but Also Gives Better Price for Product.

Fall freshening of cows not only insures greater production, but also gives a larger price for a greater portion of the product. This is true because in most parts of the middle West the pastures become more or less burned during the summer months, which cuts down production, and the prices for butter are higher during the fall and winter.

The labor is better distributed with fall freshening because the extra work with the cows comes after much of the rush work has been done instead of conflicting with it. Fall calves can be given more attention than spring calves. They are old enough to run on pasture the next spring and will also be in better condition to withstand the summer heat.

PROPER ROOST FOR PULLETS

When About Half Matured Provide Platform for Fowls About Eighteen Inches From Floor.

Never provide roosts until the pullets are about half matured. A good plan is to have a platform erected, about eighteen inches from the floor, upon which they may go at night. After the birds are about half matured, roosts can be placed on this platform, to which they will readily take. Where pullets are compelled to roost on the floor until well grown, they are very slow about taking to roosts when they require it. Besides, unless the droppings are cleaned up daily, roosting on the floor will soon breed a lot of red mites which will torment the stock more than anything else.

HANDLE POTATOES WITH CARE

When Being Taken Out of Cellar for Shipment It Is Wise Plan to Remove All Defects.

Potatoes should be handled carefully when they are being taken out of the cellar and prepared for shipment. Whether the potatoes are graded on the farm or at the loading point, it is good policy to remove all tubers showing any rot whatever. Simply running them over a grader does not remove rotted or bruised potatoes. Proper heating and ventilation of cars are also important factors in preventing rot in shipment.

CULL ALL HENS AND PULLETS

Excellent Plan to Make Count and Decide on Number That Can Be Profitably Retained.

Shut up all the hens and pullets some evening. Count them and decide just how many can be readily kept during the coming year without crowding, for this is very likely to hurt egg production and increase the danger of disease.

DECREASED EGG PRODUCTION

In Many Instances It Is for No Other Reason Than Presence of Pestiferous Lice.

Egg production in some yards is now letting up, and in many cases it is from no other reason than the discomfort caused by lice. It is, therefore, a paying proposition to keep house and chickens clean and free from vermin.

SCRAPS of HUMOR

LONELY.

"I'm the loneliest man in town."

"What's the matter?"

"My wife's away."

"Do you miss her that badly?"

"Oh, it isn't that. I rather looked forward to these days of freedom, but the wives of my friends are all in town and I can't find a man who will give up any of his time to entertain me."

Bold Strategy.

"The next move," remarked Mr. Quickrich, "is to invite the police in to investigate our new scheme."

"Aren't you afraid they'll find out the way the trick is done?"

"We'll have to take a chance on that. In the meantime we need the publicity."

A Thorough Philanthropist.

"You turn constantly from your studies of electricity to the composition of maxims on thrift."

"Naturally," replied Ben Franklin. "Not only do I desire posterity to have the benefit of electric light and power, but I want it to be able to pay the charges for current."

Frank.

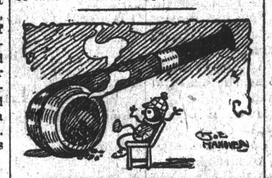
"Did you read my speech in the papers?"

"I did not, senator. I'm going to be frank with you. The only time speeches ever get to me is when I'm in a room and can't get away from 'em. To sit down deliberately to read a speech in a paper would never occur to me."

The Better Plan.

"If you run across any friends of mine on your auto trip, give them my regards."

"Don't you think it would be better to take them to a hospital?"



YES, OLD TOP

English Bug—My eye, but these 'ere bloomin' open grates are fine these chilly mornings!

Intensely Occupied.

I try not to loiter nor shirk,
Yet this my intention doth balk;
I am often too busy to work,
But never too busy to talk!

Its Meaning.

"Is there any meaning in the shower bouquet which brides carry?"

"Of course; it means they are going to reign."

The Trouble.

"Everybody in that bank seems to be catching cold. Is it damp?"

"No; but there are so many drafts about it."

Complaining.

"How is your wife?"

"Complaining."

"Complaining? Is she ill?"

"Not at all. Just complaining about the way I act."

His Class.

"Did you say the good-looking man we saw on the stock exchange was a Massachusetts man?"

"Yes; a Boston bull."

A Distinction.

"What's your claim to distinction?"

"I never sent a friend a picture postal card with the 'wish you were here' gag on it."

The Letter Tag.

"That man is a B. A. and an LL.D."

"That's nothing. When I was in the army I was often K. P. and A. W. O. L."

A Bright Outlook.

Jones—That boy of mine will make his mark in the world.

Smith—He will, all right, if it's only by puttin' his foot in the mud.

A Doubtful Bargain.

Pflyvver—I bought this used car for $600. Don't you think it's a good purchase?

Speedup—Yes, if it's genuine. But you never can tell. They're so clever at making imitation antiques.

The Disposal Department.

"Why do you keep such an ugly, ill-tempered brute? You can't be fond of him?"

"No, but my wife goes to cooking school and the dog is not so particular about his diet as I am."

Defining the Anxiety.

"What do you think is the cause of unrest?"

"Haven't noticed any around this place," rejoined Farmer Corntossel. "The resting part takes care of itself. What I am worried about is unwork."

Headwork.

"Does Bliggins use any real headwork in his politics?"

"I don't think so," answered Miss Cayenne. "The nearest he comes to headwork is to bet a hat on the election."

Dampening Reply.

Bookkeeper—Twenty-five years ago today, Mr. Markham, I stepped into your employ—

Chief—Yes, I know! I know! The very first day you were five minutes late.

Unconscious Humor.

Contributor—How much would you give me for this article on the complexities of the solar system?

Editor—I would have to look it over. We pay for an article like that by space rates.

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